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SEN. LANDRIEU STATEMENT REGARDING SUPREME COURT NOMINEE SAMUEL ALITO

WASHINGTON – United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., released the following statement today regarding the President’s nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr. to succeed Sandra Day O’Connor as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Sen. Landrieu said:

“As I have said before, Justice O’Connor should be succeeded by a justice who, like her, will inspire our nation and embody the fundamental American values of freedom, equality and fairness – someone who will put the principles of law ahead of partisan ideology. Judge Alito’s career of accomplishment speaks to his experience, but also raises questions as to whether he meets this standard and possesses the qualities necessary for a member of the nation’s highest court.

“And so, just as the American people expect a Supreme Court Justice who values independence and objectivity, the Senate owes the people a fair and thorough confirmation process focused on the future of the Court and our nation. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with Judge Alito personally and to hear his testimony before the Judiciary Committee.”

Sen. Landrieu is a member of the so-called “Gang of 14,” a bipartisan group of Senators who earlier this year brokered a compromise to permit a floor vote on contentious judicial nominees and allow the Senate to move on to other matters important to Louisiana voters and the nation.